



March 23, 2009

Rich Burns, Manager  
Ukiah Field Office  
2550 North State Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Mr. Burns:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of our strong support for your 2008 Ground Operations, Planning, Education, and Law Enforcement Grants.

BRC has reviewed these grants and our support is based on the Ukiah Field Office's impressive list of partners/collaboration and your holistic approach to OHV recreation management. As you know, BRC has been concerned for the last 6-7 years about the lack of both OHMVR grant funds and appropriated monies available for recreation management and planning at the Cow Mountain Recreation Area.

Due to its close proximity to the SF Bay Area, the Cow Mountain Recreation Area is an important rural/urban recreation opportunity and is a critical part of California's OHV Destination Area Matrix.

BRC believes the general planning grant is important for improving and expanding OHV opportunity. The Eight Mile planning grant is important since there are critical environmental concerns in that area and management of those resources while still allowing for OHV recreation in the valley is key for long term motorized opportunities.

BRC believes the collaboration between the BLM and sister law enforcement agencies is to be commended.

BRC thanks the agency for its continued commitment to managed OHV recreation in the Ukiah area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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